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**Advisory Action  
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 15 March 2005 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

2. ☐ The reply was filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing an appeal brief. The Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

**AMENDMENTS**

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because  
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);  
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);  
(c) ☒ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or  
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).  
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.  
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).  
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☒ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.  
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:  
Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_.  
Claim(s) rejected: 1-17 and 21-25.  
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_.

**AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE**

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).  
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).  
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER**

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:  
See Continuation Sheet.  
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
13. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**SAM RIMELL  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

Continuation of number 11 does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: August et al. discloses a "proxy source catalogue" where source are identified by subject matter, and other attributes such as language and descriptions and are displayed to the user by the users preferences, community of interest and group/business interests. The user can also retrieve information from sub-groups/sub-business community; or modify the search results for more accurate and precise information they are looking for (See column 5, lines 15-25; column 12, lines 44-57; column 18, lines 61-67; column 19, lines 1-18). Therefore, August et al. does disclose "displaying a subset of the search results based on a user selection including at least one of the business community assigned to the user and the sub-business community assigned to the user, the displayed subset of search results includes each search result from the performed search having been previously assigned to the corresponding user selection" and "displaying on the computer search results from at least one database corresponding to at least one business community and at least one sub-business community, each search result being previously assigned to at least one business community and at least one sub-business community", as stated in claims 1, 8, and 21. August et al. also discloses a "personality profile catalogue" that creates a community of interest profile for a user in order for the user to receive/display information that pertains to the users specific interests, which range from the users area of interest (age, language and location) to the users specific interest group such as a business community (See column 12, lines 44-51; column 16, lines 16-60; column 18, lines 31-39; column 27, lines 42-57). The user can then manipulate the displayed information to modify their search to be more specific. Again August et al, discloses "inputting into the computer user data including at least one of an organization associated with the user, a function associated with the user, and a geographic location of the user". Furthermore, August et al. discloses a "personality profile catalogue" that creates a community of interest profile for a user in order for the user to receive/display information that pertains to the users specific interests, which range from the users area of interest (age, language and location) to the users specific interest group such as a business community (See column 12, lines 44-51; column 16, lines 16-60; column 18, lines 31-39; column 27, lines 42-57). The user can enter their profile and search request via a GUI in order to receive the proper information regarding the user particular group/business of interest. The profile is stored so that the information the user need will be specific to the users group of interest (See column 4, lines 6-18; column 27, lines 17-33, lines 40-54)", which discloses displaying "on the user interface search results from at least one database coupled to the computer and corresponding to at least one business community and at least one sub-business community, each search result being previously assigned to at least one business community and at least one sub-business community", as states in claims 8 and 21